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In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.31(a)(1), Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated May 24, 2006, of the Examiner rejecting claims 1-25, 27-31, 33-36, and 38-42 of the above-identified patent application.

No extension of time is necessary to respond to the Examiner's rejection.

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